DRAFT MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: October 20, 2005 Time: 9:30–11:30 am

Location: Resources Agency, 15th floor, Room 1506–12

Lead: Annie Kohut Frankel

Note taker: Nita Davidson

Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



In Attendance

Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission Zori Lozano-Friedrich, State Water Resources Control Board Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

Phaedra Bota, Boating and Waterways

Nita Davidson, Department of Pesticide Regulation Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board

Terris Grimes, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Kathy Strickley, Department of Conservation

Rachelle Steen, California Integrated Waste Management Board

Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources

Bobbie Winn, Department of Fish and Game

Celeste Royer (for CDE), California Regional Environmental Education Community

Kate DiRanna, The Walt Disney Company

Susan Knadle, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

AGENDA

	Item	Lead	Minutes
1.	 Check-in and Catch-up Welcome & Introductions Review Agenda Approve Minutes Review Status of Action Items Pass around new Calendar of Events 	Annie and Zori	Agenda, September minutes, and action items distributed. Agenda changed slightly: Kate will report on Environmentality before other committee reports because she has to leave early. Minutes approved as written. Action items updated. Calendar of Events shared.
2.	Guest speaker	Martin LeBlanc, Sierra Club	During his teens, Martin was—as he put it—a self-indulgent punk who redeemed himself through an Outward Bound experience in Maine, then found the confidence to attend college, and the rest is history. He's now director of the Sierra Club's Inside the Outdoors program (http://www.sierraclub.org/insidetheoutdoors). The program supports outdoor environmental education for underserved youth in California, teaching principles of cooperation and conservation. Martin handed out a brochure and DVD on the program, and the executive summary of a study, <i>Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children of California</i> (link follows Minutes on p. 3). The 51-page study of 255 at-risk students found that those who attended a residential outdoor education program increased their math and science scores by 27 percent, as measured by pre- and post-program surveys. The study, administered by CDE, also found measurable improvements in self-esteem, cooperation, conflict resolution, and other social and personal skills. The study was initiated by legislation in 2003.

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3	Committee Reports & Discussion Environmentality ICEC update CEEIN-JCEC partnership	Kate	The application deadline was moved from October 15 to November 15. Over 1,000 classes have enrolled to take the pledge so far, and fewer will go on to the class project. Kate {or other Disney rep?} will attend a number of conferences around the State: CSTA, CAPSO (private schools), and Association of California School Administrators. The judging sessions for the JCEC projects will probably span two days, and will be calibrated to the new rubric Kate e-mailed to us in July. Judges will now have to judge all projects rather than selecting a few. *The JCEC hotline that lives on the CEEIN Web site has not been updated in over a year. While Laurie Montserrat is on vacation, no one is answering calls. Any volunteers? *Kate would like feedback regarding the new fulfillment house shipping JCEC material. Let Kate know if the shipments take longer than the promised 3–5 days.
	 Administration & Organization Circulate name roster for updates. Partnership language update. 	Tom	Tom thought the draft partnership language was in good shape. Ed added language to the second-to-last paragraph, requiring that materials such as curricula submitted by a partner agency or organization should meet CDE social content standards. *Celeste will find out how CDE reviews materials, how long the process takes, and let Tom know.
	Leadership & Legislation • Federal agency EE programs	Bobbie	In the future, the committee will send Senate/Assembly bill updates via e-mail. The committee is reviewing EE programs of federal agencies, and will report on this activity at the November meeting.
	Communications • CEEIN Accomplishment report	Carolyn	Still hasn't received report information from several agencies and two committees. We need the information for the fiscal years of 2003–04 and 2004–05. There was some discussion about who the audience should be—is this an internal report? Teachers may be interested in reading the report, so we should target them. Tom suggested the committee reports be succinct, and we release the report by the end of 2005. Carolyn will draft the Administration Committee accomplishments, and the Communications Committee will edit the report. Tom will create a first draft of the whole report. We'll have an update at the November meeting.
	DiversityCABE conferencesJCEC and environmental justice	Kay	Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection will rent a booth at the California Association for Bilingual Education Conference, March 1–4, 2006, in San José. CEEIN will also participate at two other CABE para-conferences. The JCEC database from 2003–04 was sent to DTSC to identify locations of teachers who submitted pledges, and see if there's participation by EJ communities.
4.	What's New In Your World? • Announcements (Major)	Carolyn	Will bring the new DWR video catalog to CSTA. All videos are available in VHS and DVD formats. Carolyn handed out the catalog at the meeting; or visit https://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/education/videos/ to see it. The water-uses poster is now available, and were also distributed at the meeting (https://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/education/posters.cfm). DWR contributed to a national activity book, Discover Storm Water, www.projectwet.org .
		Bobbie	Funding is available to educators in San Mateo County. The deadline to apply is November 15. (See WNIYW from September.)
		Tom	The California Water Board has just gone live with a new water

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			education curriculum designed through the Erase the Waste campaign, www.waterlessons.org .
5.	 Meeting Wrap-Up Clarify Action Items* Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop November Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 		Items for November Agenda (Host—Kathy Strickley): Tom—Partnership language Andrea—AB 1721 Kay and Vanessa—DTSC GIS–JCEC project Kay—CABE booth Sue and Kate—JCEC update Carolyn—Accomplishment reports Resources Agency members—sign up for 2006 meeting responsibilities

Link to Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children of California: http://www.sierraclub.org/insidetheoutdoors/downloads/outdoorschool_finalreport.pdf

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Meeting Evaluation Summary

Overall rating = **3.7** (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high) (9 evaluations submitted)

What went well

- Martin LeBlanc's presentation was great!
- Good dialog with guest and about CEEIN issues
- The speaker was wonderful!! Excellent information and ensuing conversation among members.
- Glad Martin LeBlanc could finally attend.
- Good speaker.
- Good discussion with Sierra Club program.
- Thank you for starting and ending on time.
- Sierra Club dialog was very productive. We should entertain other outside parties whenever possible to explore external partnerships.
- Delicious bagels!

General Comments

- Focus wavered a few times
- Tight schedule

What's New in Your World?